



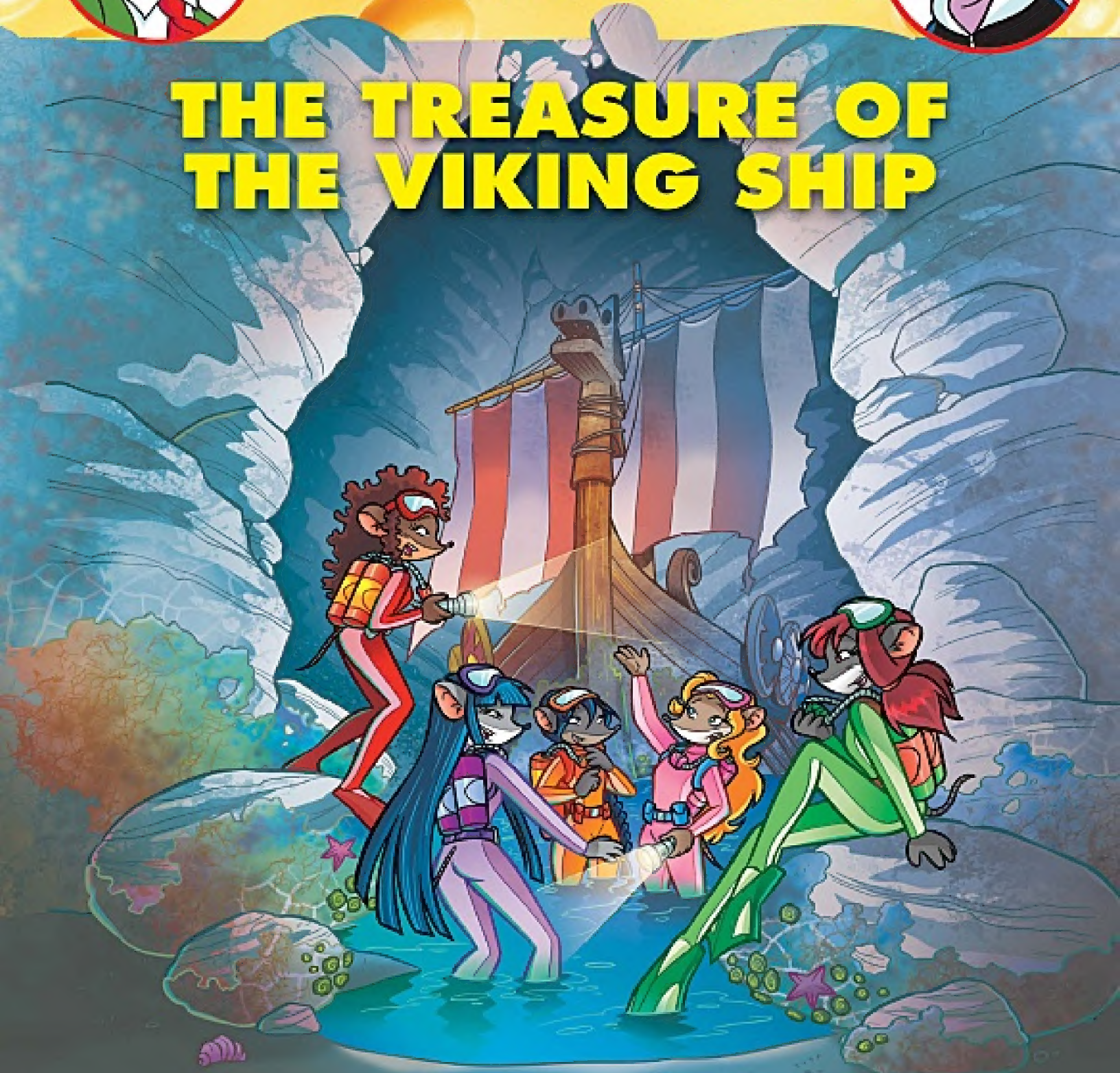
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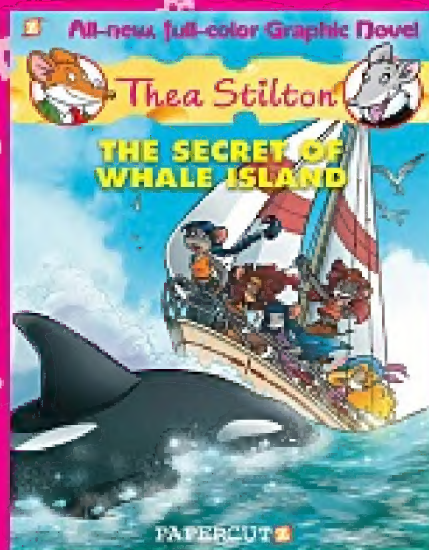


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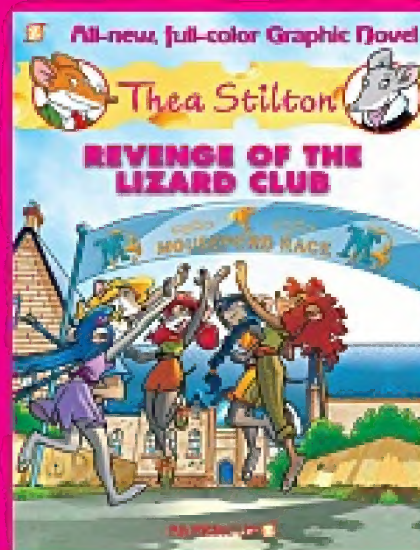


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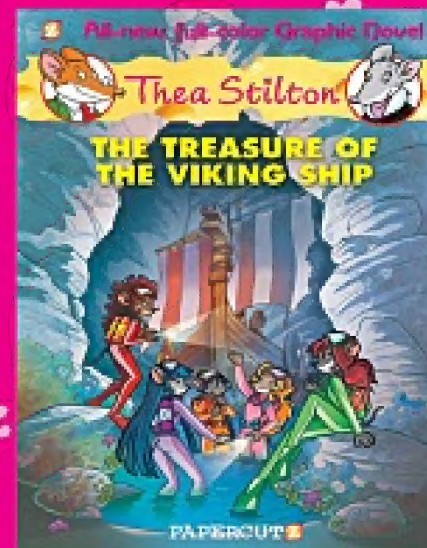
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ON **WHALE ISLAND**, THERE ARE USUALLY A COUPLE OF BRIGHT, WARM SUNNY DAYS IN THE FALL.

THE ISLANDERS CALL THEM THE LAST KISS OF SUMMER-- BECAUSE, THEY SAY, IT'S AS IF SUMMER WANTS TO GIVE THEM A FINAL FAREWELL...

## THE TREASURE OF THE VIKING SHIP

WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE BOATS LEAVE THE PORT AND THROW TOGETHER MINI-REGATTAS...

PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN, HOWEVER, TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE WEATHER TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE MARINE FAUNA AND FLORA ALONG THE COAST OF THE ISLAND ONE LAST TIME...

PAMELA, PAULINA, DID YOU GET ALL THE GEAR?

YES, PROFESSOR!

IT WAS PRECISELY DURING ONE OF THESE **SPECIAL** DAYS THAT THE MOST **EXTRAORDINARY** DISCOVERY IN THE HISTORY OF WHALE ISLAND TOOK PLACE...

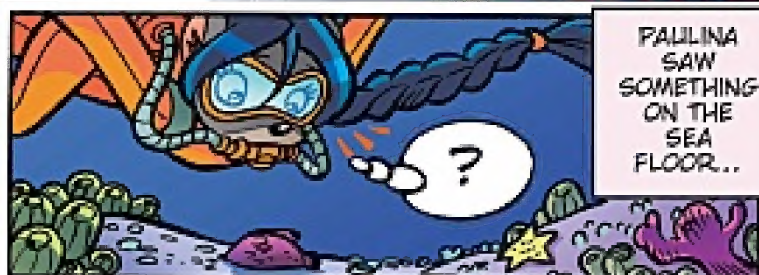
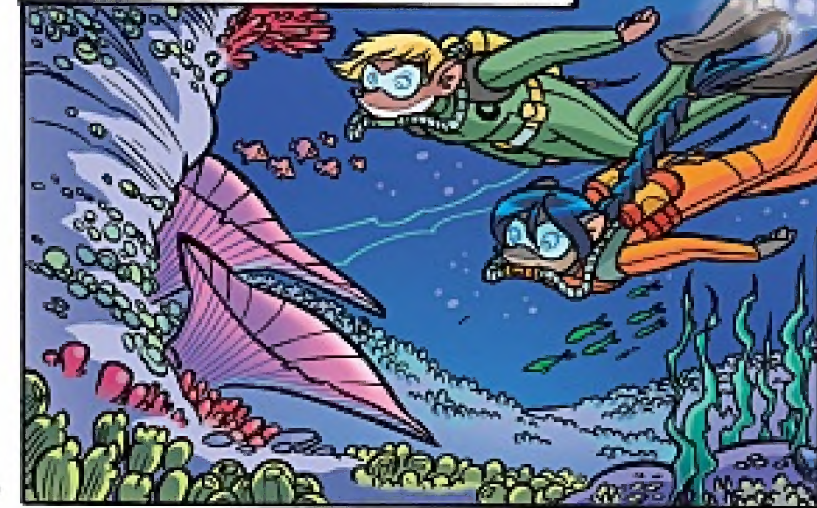
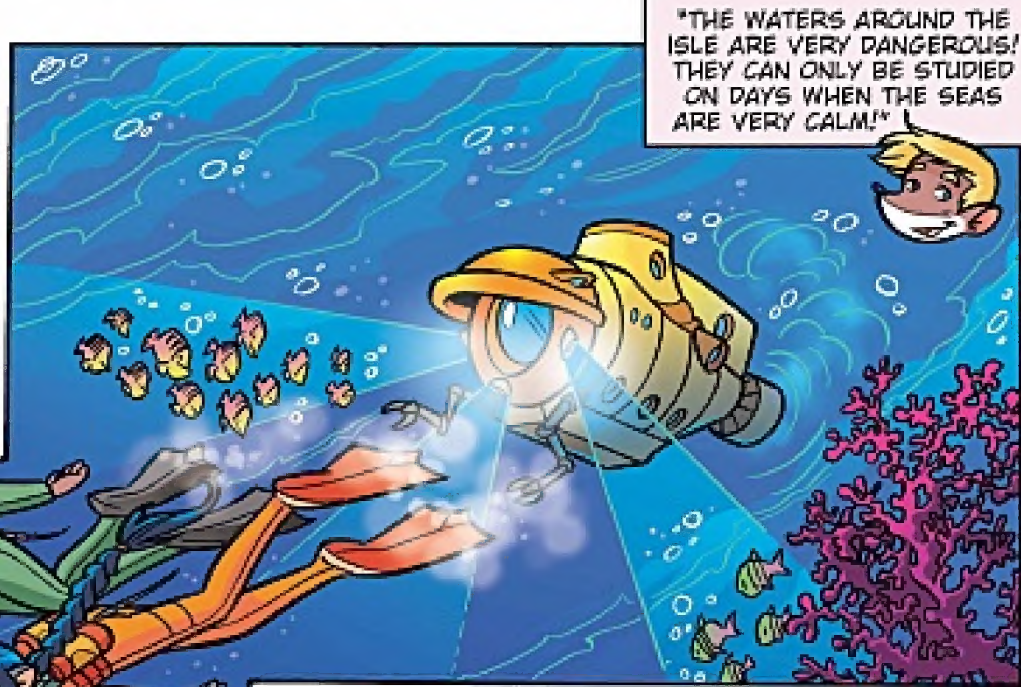
CLANK



THE BATHY-SCAPHE\* ROUNDED VERY WINDY POINT AND STOPPED NEAR DOLPHIN ISLE...



"THE WATERS AROUND THE ISLE ARE VERY DANGEROUS! THEY CAN ONLY BE STUDIED ON DAYS WHEN THE SEAS ARE VERY CALM!"

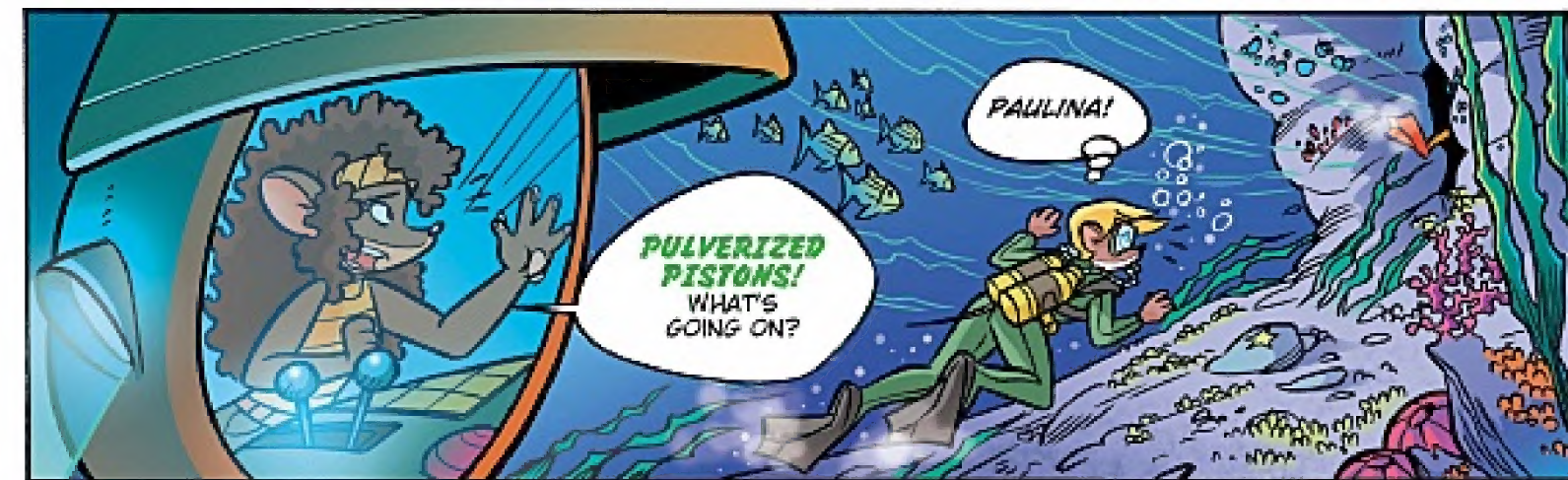


PAULINA SAW SOMETHING ON THE SEA FLOOR...

...A VERY STRANGE BOTTLE!



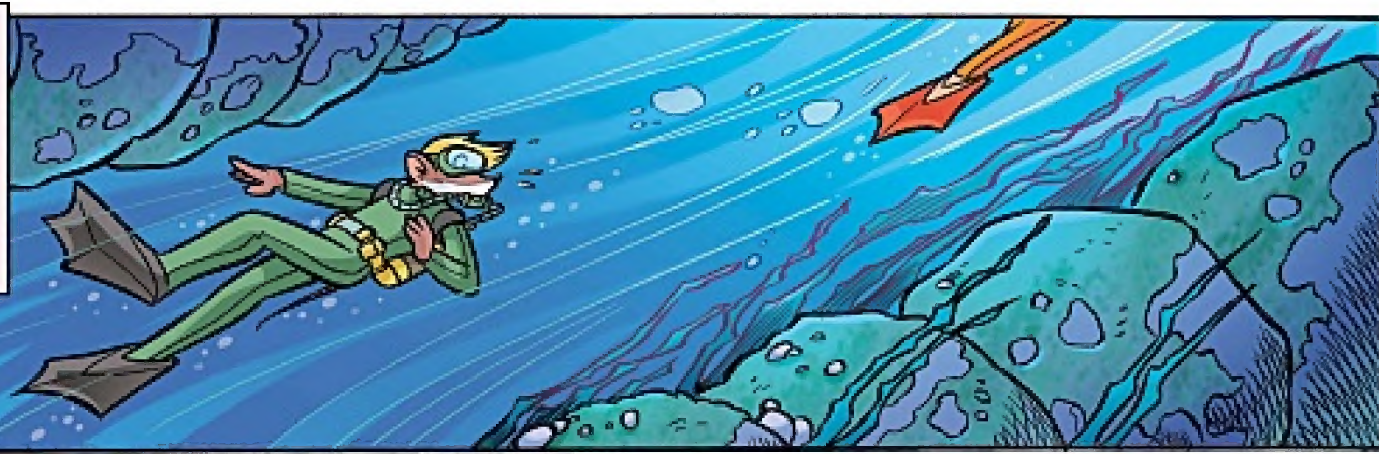
SHE WAS RETURNING TO THE BATHYSCAPHE WHEN A DANGEROUS CURRENT PULLED HER BETWEEN THE ROCKS!



\*BATHYSCAPHE: A MANNED (OR MOUSED) SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL



VAN KRAKEN TRIED TO REACH PAULINA, BUT THE VORTEX CAPTURED HIM, DRAGGING HIM ALONG AN UNDERWATER CHANNEL...



...BRINGING HIM INTO A GROTTO WHERE NO RODENT HAD EVER GONE BEFORE!

PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS OWN EYES. THIS DISCOVERY WAS EVERY SCIENTIST'S DREAM!

THE WRECK WAS PERFECTLY PRESERVED. THE GROTTO HAD PROTECTED IT FROM THE ELEMENTS AND CURIOUS SUNKEN-TREASURE-SEEKERS!



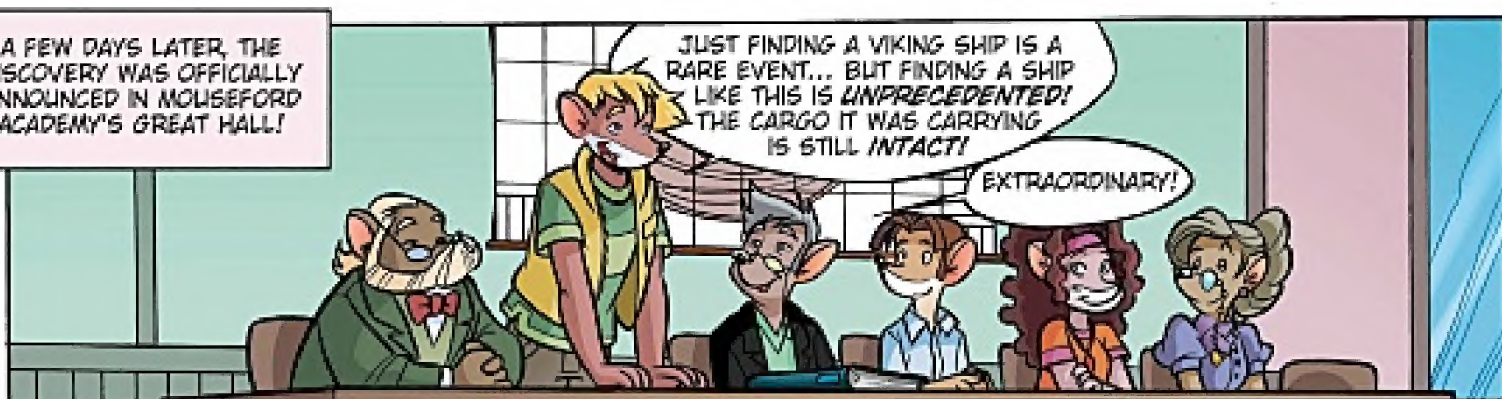
PROFESSOR!  
THAT'S A  
**VIKING  
SHIP!**



**HOW  
MAGNIFICENT!**

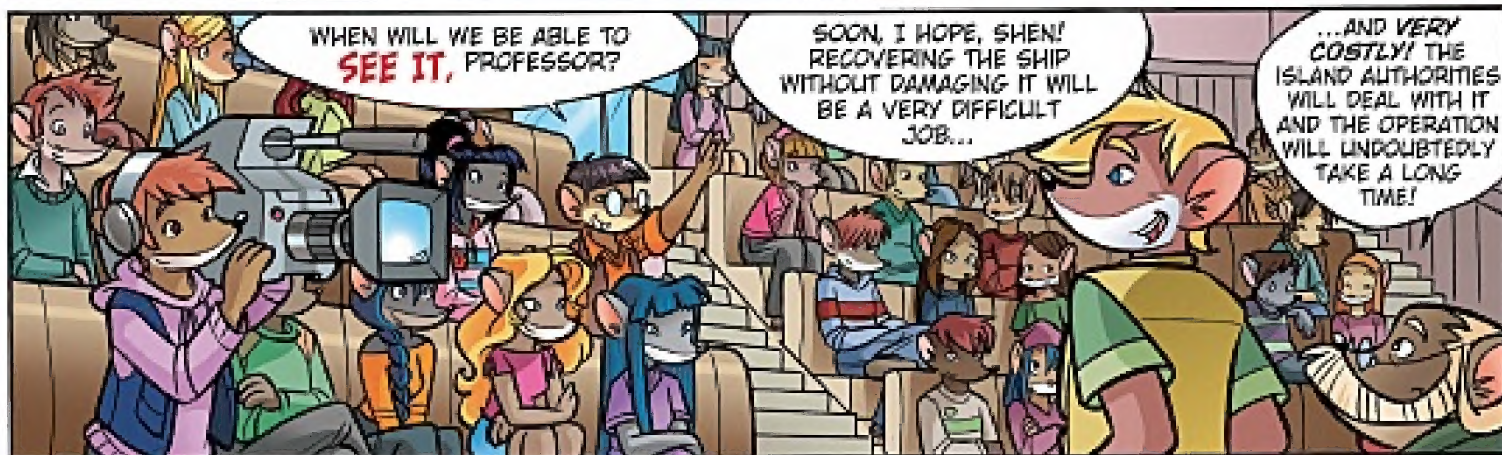


A FEW DAYS LATER, THE DISCOVERY WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOUSEFORD ACADEMY'S GREAT HALL!



JUST FINDING A VIKING SHIP IS A RARE EVENT... BUT FINDING A SHIP LIKE THIS IS **UNPRECEDENTED!** THE CARGO IT WAS CARRYING IS STILL **INTACT!**

EXTRAORDINARY!



WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO **SEE IT**, PROFESSOR?

SOON, I HOPE, SHEN! RECOVERING THE SHIP WITHOUT DAMAGING IT WILL BE A VERY DIFFICULT JOB...

...AND VERY **COSTLY!** THE ISLAND AUTHORITIES WILL DEAL WITH IT AND THE OPERATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TAKE A LONG TIME!



OH, NO!

-BOOF-...

WELL, LET'S KILL SOME TIME WITH OUR GUEST OF HONOR! OUR SHIP COMES FROM THE PAST...



... AND TO TELL YOU ABOUT ITS LONG VOYAGE, WE HAVE WITH US THE **GREATEST EXPERT** ON THE ISLAND'S HISTORY AND LEGENDS...



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... I'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU MR. CALLISTO SQUID!

WELCOME!

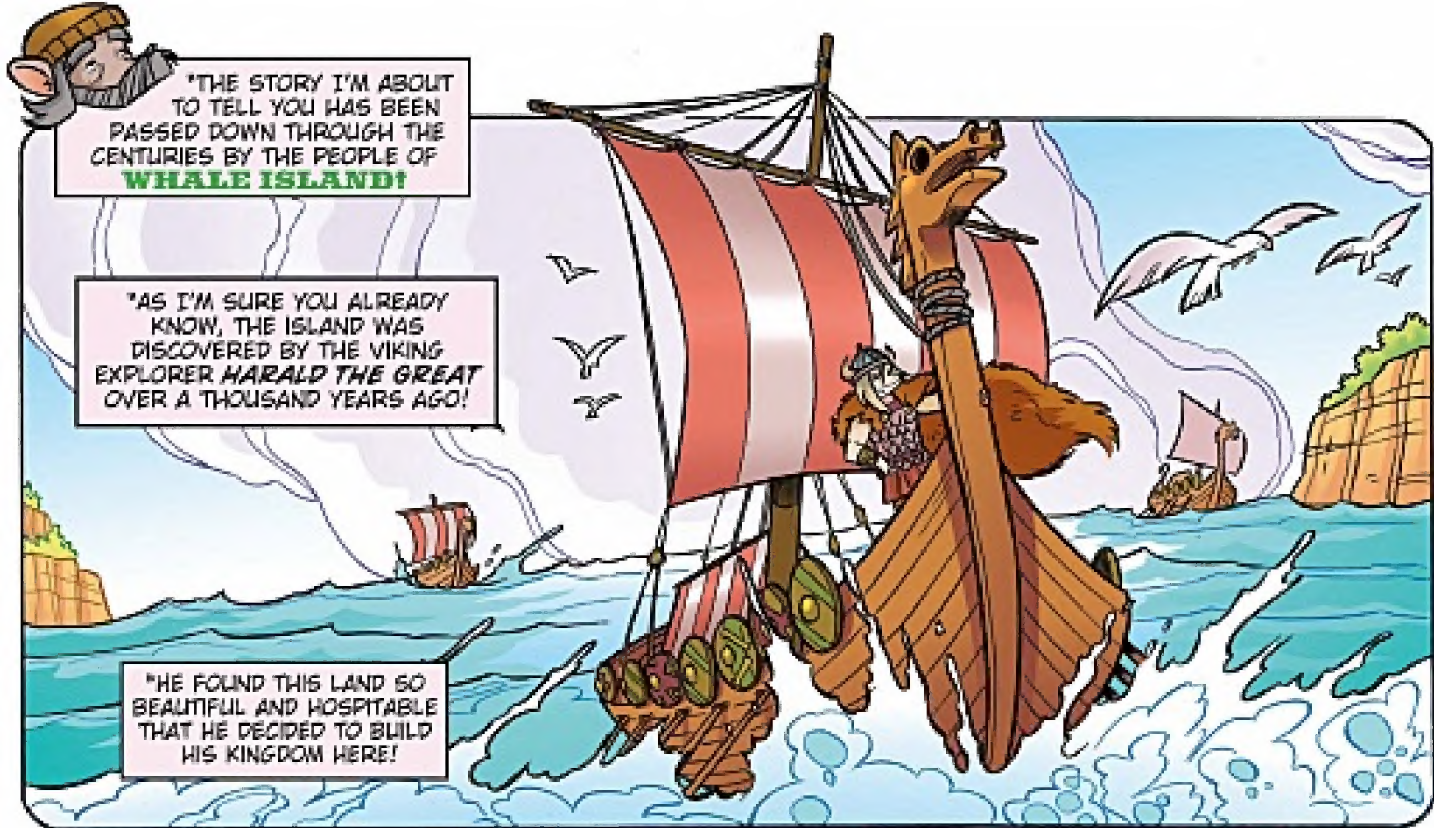
CLAP CLAP



THEY'RE ALL YOURS, MR. SQUID!

HELLO, KIDS!





"THE STORY I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES BY THE PEOPLE OF **WHALE ISLAND!**"

"AS I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE ISLAND WAS DISCOVERED BY THE VIKING EXPLORER **HARALD THE GREAT** OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!"

"HE FOUND THIS LAND SO BEAUTIFUL AND HOSPITABLE THAT HE DECIDED TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM HERE!"

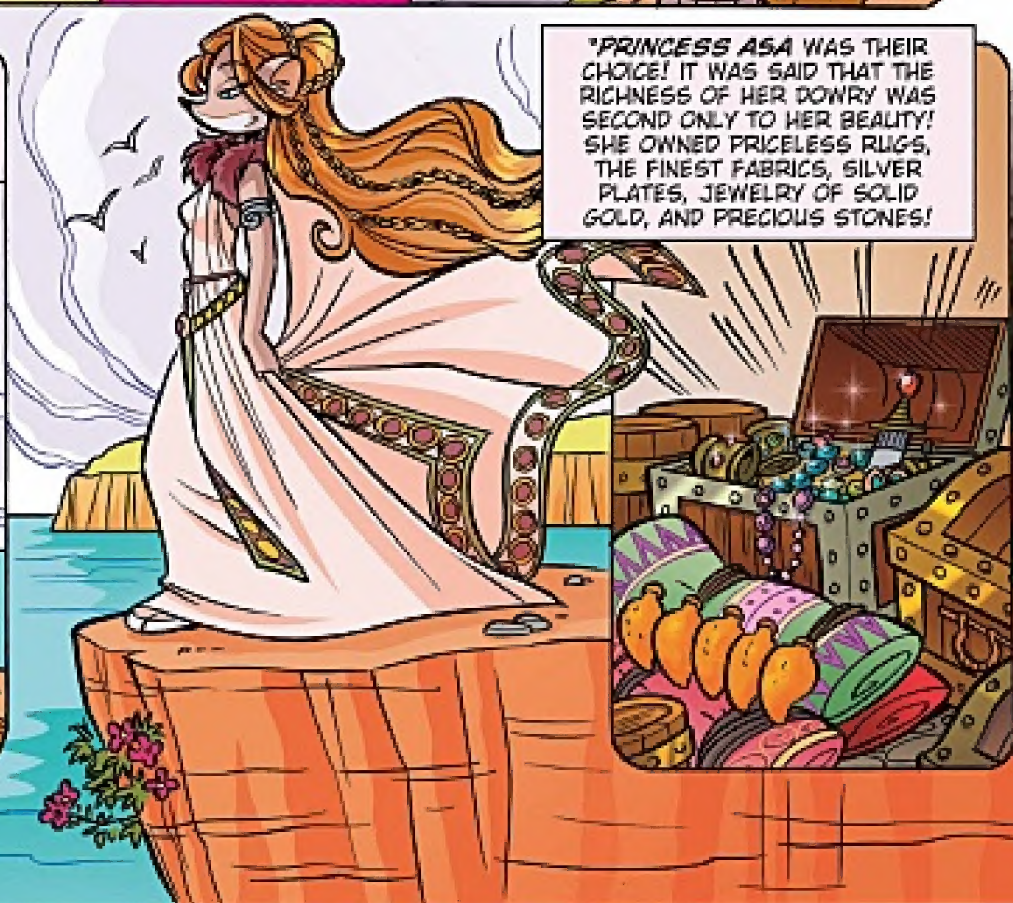


"AND HE BUILT A CASTLE HERE, RIGHT WHERE **MOUSEFORD ACADEMY** SITS TODAY!"

"THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ THE BOOK **THEA STILTON AND THE DRAGON'S CODE** ALREADY KNOW THIS!"



"BUT A KINGDOM'S NOT A REAL KINGDOM WITHOUT A **QUEEN!** THEREFORE, HARALD SENT A MESSAGE TO HIS PARENTS FOR THEM TO FIND HIM A WIFE!"



"**PRINCESS ASA** WAS THEIR CHOICE! IT WAS SAID THAT THE RICHNESS OF HER DOWRY WAS SECOND ONLY TO HER BEAUTY! SHE OWNED PRICELESS RUGS, THE FINEST FABRICS, SILVER PLATES, JEWELRY OF SOLID GOLD, AND PRECIOUS STONES!"



"THE SHIP THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO CARRY THE TREASURE COULD BARELY FLOAT-- ITS CARGO WAS TOO HEAVY!"



"THE MOST PRECIOUS OBJECT WAS A CHEST CONTAINING NEITHER GOLD NOR DIAMONDS... BUT RATHER *PERFUME*!"



IT CAME FROM FAR OFF **PERSIA**! NO OTHER QUEEN HAD ANYTHING AS RARE AND PRECIOUS!

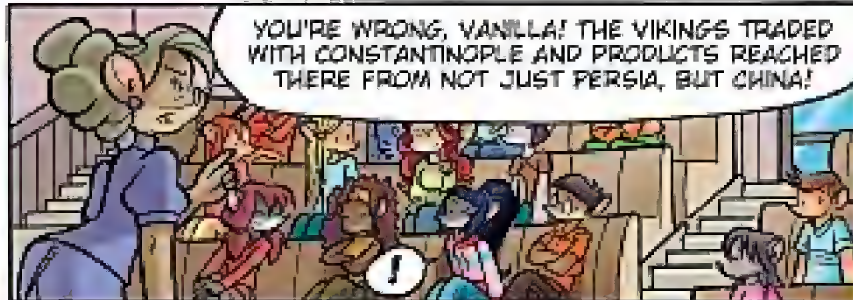
OOOH!

WHAT A TALL TALE! THE VIKINGS NEVER WENT TO PERSIA!

HEE! HEE! HEE!



YOU'RE WRONG, VANILLA! THE VIKINGS TRADED WITH CONSTANTINOPLE AND PRODUCTS REACHED THERE FROM NOT JUST PERSIA, BUT CHINA!



SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, MR. SQUID! YOUR STORY IS FASCINATING!

THANK YOU, PROFESSOR RATCLIFF! AS I WAS SAYING...



"...THE SEA VOYAGE WAS LONG AND THE SHIP WAS VERY HEAVY!"





"THE CAPTAIN TOOK THE WRONG ROUTE AND APPROACHED THE ISLAND FROM THE NORTH, NEAR VERY WINDY POINT!"



"IT'S A BAD BUSINESS OVER THERE WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLOWS! THE WAVES WERE AS HIGH AS TOWERS AND THE CURRENTS WERE UNFORGIVING!"

CRASH



OH, NO!  
THEY SANK!

"WITHOUT A RUDDER AND WITH THE SAILS RIPPED, SUCH A HEAVY SHIP WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STEER."

NO WAY! THE  
CAPTAIN THREW  
THE TREASURE  
INTO THE SEA  
INSTEAD!

NEITHER OF  
THOSE, KIDS!  
BUT I SEE THAT  
YOU'RE EXCITED  
TO HEAR WHAT  
HAPPENED!  
HEE! HEE!

"EVERYONE WAS SAVED! THEY JUMPED ONTO MAKESHIFT RAFTS AND LET THE SHIP DRIFT AWAY!"

"LUCKILY FOR THEM, KING HARALD HAD BUILT TOWERS ALONG THE COAST, AND THEY WERE SPOTTED!"

OVER  
THERE!  
LOOK!





THE CAPTAIN OF  
THE SHIP WAS IN  
DESPAIR...

FORGIVE ME,  
SIRE! THE  
TREASURE IS  
**LOST!**

"...BUT HARALD WASN'T  
LISTENING, AS HE ONLY  
HAD EYES FOR THE  
BEAUTIFUL ASA!"

LET THE SEA  
TAKE THE GOLD  
AND THE JEWELS,  
TOO! THE REAL  
**TREASURE**  
IS SAFE!

**CLAP CLAP**

YOUR  
GRANDPA  
IS A GREAT  
STORY-  
TELLER,  
DINA!

WHAT  
A  
BEAUTIFUL  
TALE!

AND THE  
SHIP? DIDN'T  
THEY TRY TO  
RECOVER  
THE SHIP?

OF COURSE THEY DID! THEY'VE  
COMBED THE SEA BOTTOM  
FOR CENTURIES... BUT IT  
**DISAPPEARED!**

DISAPPEARED?  
MAYBE NOT...





...BECAUSE I THINK WHAT WE FOUND IN THE GROTTO IS REALLY *PRINCESS ASA'S SHIP!*

NEWS OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE VIKING VESSEL APPEARED ON TV BROADCASTS ALL OVER THE WORLD...

...AND FOR A WHILE, NO ONE ON WHALE ISLAND TALKED ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE!



IF THE PROFESSOR SAYS THAT'S ASA'S SHIP, I BELIEVE HIM! AND I SAY WE SHOULD RECOVER THE *TREASURE!*

FORGET IT! DON'T TOUCH IT! THAT'S ALL STUFF FOR MUSEUMS!

SO THEN LET'S PUT IT IN A MUSEUM. THAT WAY THE TOURISTS'LL LINE UP TO SEE IT.



THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ISLAND! WE MUSTN'T LET IT GET AWAY!

RECOVERING THE TREASURE WILL COST A FORTUNE!



WE COULD DEDICATE THE MIDWINTER FAIR TO THE VIKINGS...



I LOVE MY LITTLE SISTER! SHE ALWAYS HAS *BRILLIANT IDEAS...* WHEN SHE'S AWAKE.





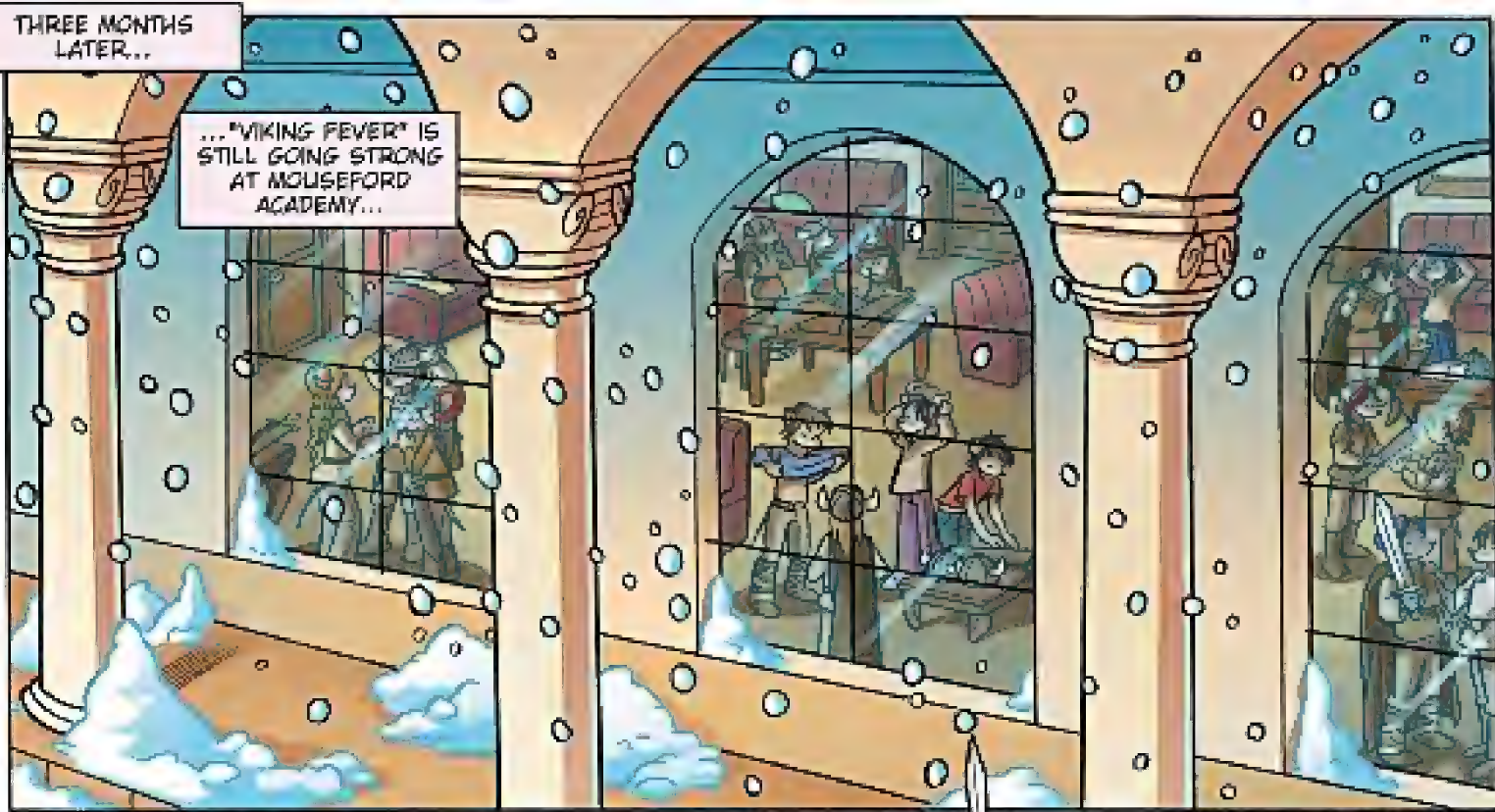
PAMELA AND PAULINA, HOWEVER, DIDN'T AGREE WITH PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN AT ALL!





THREE MONTHS  
LATER...

... "VIKING FEVER" IS  
STILL GOING STRONG  
AT MOUSEFORD  
ACADEMY...



**BE VERY AFRAID!**  
CRAIG THE RED HAS  
ARRIVED!

LOOK AT CRAIG! HE LOOKS  
LIKE A REAL VIKING!

HEE! HEE!



YOU'RE LATE, VIC! THE  
WARRIOR COSTUMES  
ARE ALREADY ALL  
TAKEN... ONLY A  
FISHERMAN'S  
LEFT!

I DON'T DRESS UP  
IN COSTUMES. AT  
THE FAIR, I'LL BE  
THE SUPERVISOR--  
CERTAINLY NOT  
A CHEESE  
VENDOR!

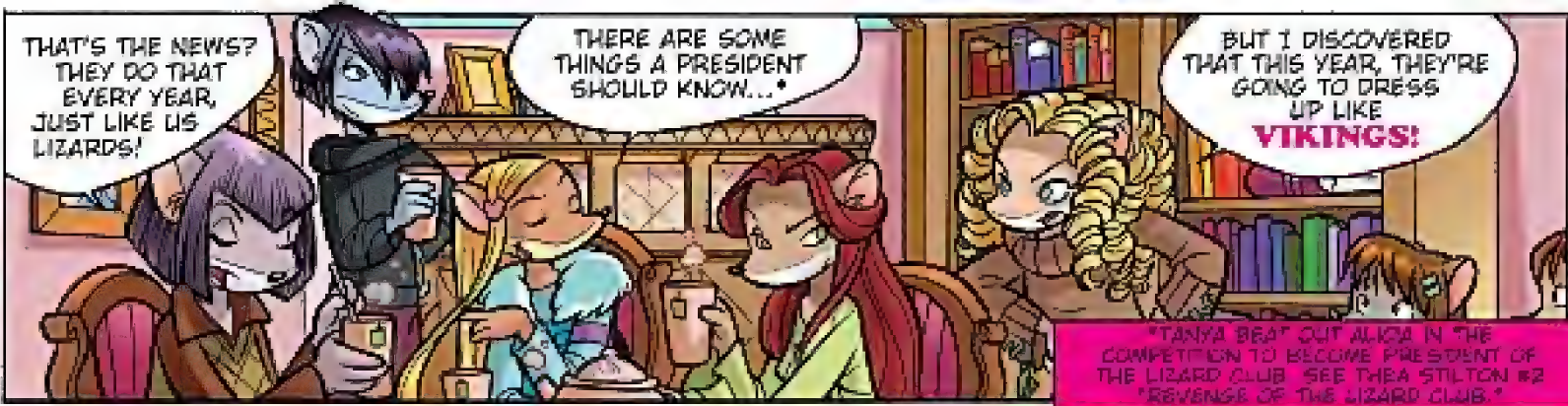


I HAVE GREAT  
**NEWS,**  
GIRLS!

THE GECKO  
CLUB'S GOING  
TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE MIDWINTER  
FAIR...







\*TANIA BEAT OUT ALICE IN THE COMPETITION TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE LIZARD CLUB. SEE THEA STILTON #2 "REVENGE OF THE LIZARD CLUB."





I AGREE! LET'S PUT THE STANDS TOGETHER!



THAT WAY I CAN BE NEAR CRAIG!

FOR ONCE, VANILLA'S SPITEFULNESS HITS THE NAIL ON THE HEAD!



...ONE BIG DISPLAY OF DESSERT AND CHEESE? WHY NOT?

FANTASTIC! THEN YOU AND I WILL WORK TOGETHER TO--



...IN MY OPINION, TANYA HOPES THIS WILL GET VIC TO NOTICE HER. FAT CHANCE!



TALK TO CRAIG ABOUT IT! I'M PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB AND I LET MY ASSISTANTS TAKE CARE OF ALL THE DETAILS!

OH...



HEY THERE, BABY SIS! ARE YOU GOING TO DRESS UP AS PRINCESS ASA?

IN YOUR DREAMS! I'M GOING TO SELL COSMETICS, NOT BREAD AND CHEESE!



LET'S SEE IF I CAN GUESS! MOM SENT YOU A FEW OF HER EXPIRED PRODUCTS...

...AND I'LL SELL THEM BELOW COST, AFTER REPLACING THE TAGS!



I'LL EARN MORE BY MYSELF THAN THE REST OF THE WHOLE FAIR PUT TOGETHER. WANNA BET?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE! THE GECKOS AND LIZARDS DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST A VIPER LIKE YOU!



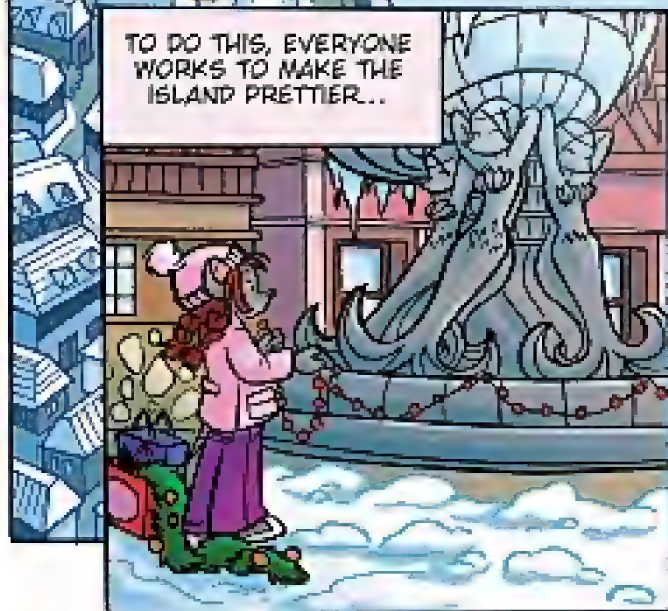
THE MIDWINTER FAIR IS ALWAYS A SPECIAL EVENT ON WHALE ISLAND, BUT THIS YEAR IT'S EVEN MORE SO...



THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO START THE JOB OF RECOVERING THE VIKING SHIP!



TO DO THIS, EVERYONE WORKS TO MAKE THE ISLAND PRETTIER...



...WITH DECORATIONS AND LIGHTS ALONG THE STREETS, ON THE SIDES OF THE HOUSES, AND IN THE WINDOWS OF THE STORES AND HOTELS!





AVENDER ASKS HER SISTER, DINA, TO HELP DECORATE THE ZANZI BAZAAR, AND DINA BRINGS THE THEA SISTERS ALONG WITH HER!

BE CAREFUL, LAVENDER!

THERE, I HUNG IT UP!

DECORATING A STORE IS FUN, BUT **TIRING!**

A comic strip with three panels. The first panel shows a character with long dark hair sitting at a desk in a room with large windows. The second panel shows two characters, a red one and a blue one, talking. The red character says, "CHAMOMILE SEEMS THE MOST RELAXED...". The blue character responds, "SHE NEVER LEAVES THE CASH REGISTER! IT'S HER COMMAND POST!". The red character then says, "COMMAND POST? IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE IT'S HER SNOOZE POST!".

I DON'T THINK PINK WOULD'VE BEEN THE VIKINGS' FAVORITE COLOR, COLETTE!

MAYBE NOT... BUT MY PRINCESS AS A DOLL LOVES IT!

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AT THE END OF A LONG DAY OF WORK...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE WITHOUT YOUR HELP, GIRLS!

GORGEOUS!

NOW LET'S GO SET UP OUR STAND!

FIRST YOU HAVE TO CONVINCE COLETTE! OUR BEAUTY QUEEN SAYS SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SELL CHEESE AND DESSERTS TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE ELSE!

I WAS JUST SAYING WE COULD THINK UP SOMETHING FUN! WE'VE GOT LOTS OF IMAGINATION!

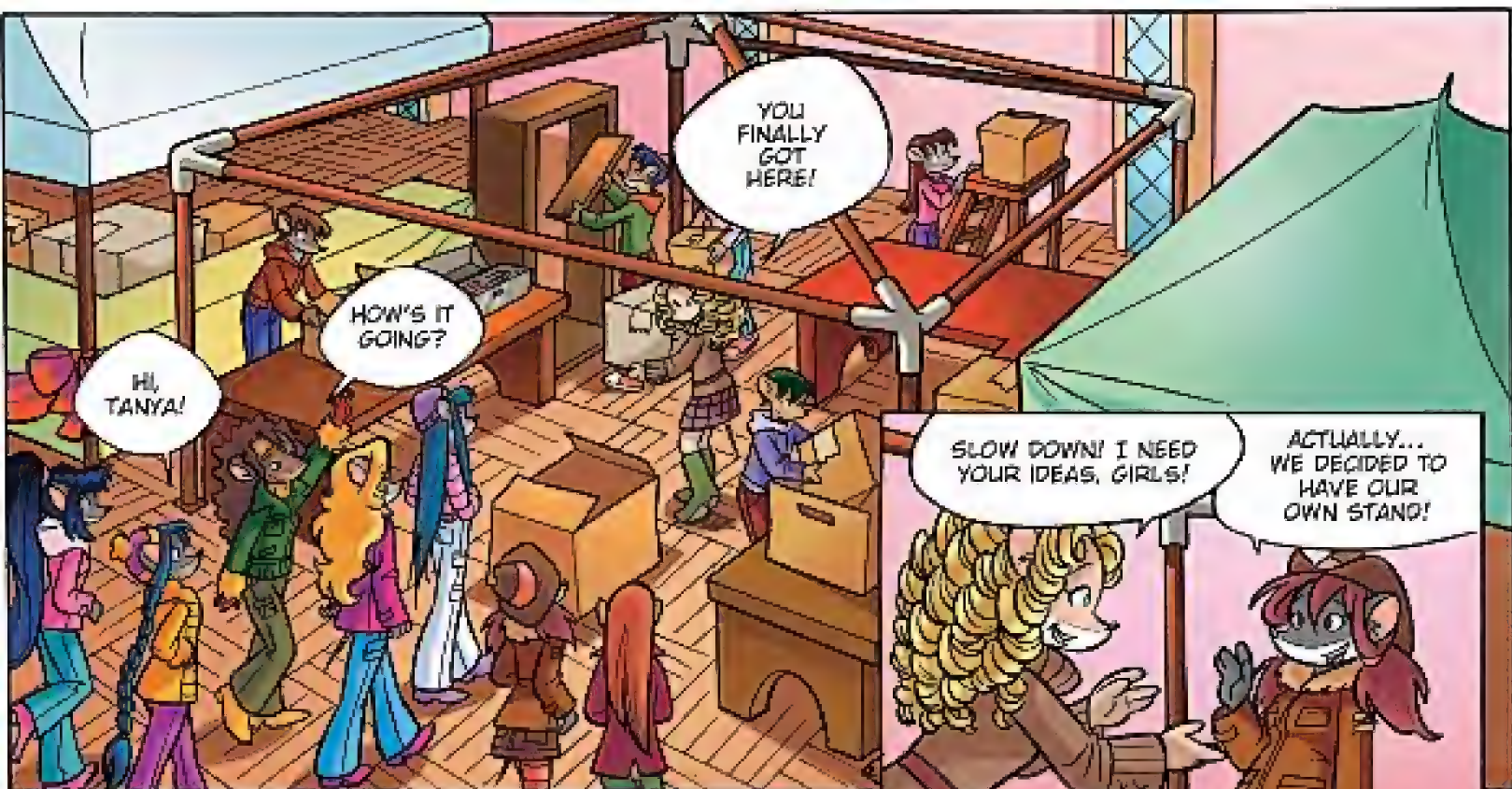
I'LL GO WITH YOU! I'M CURIOUS TO SEE HOW FAR ALONG THE PREPARATIONS ARE AT THE MARKET-PLACE!



IT STILL NEEDS A GOOD DEAL OF WORK!

WELL, THE FAIR'S STILL A WEEK AWAY FROM OPENING!









HI, SHEN!

HEY,  
PAMELA.



WHAT'RE YOU  
DOING HERE?  
WEREN'T YOU  
ANALYZING THE  
CONTENTS OF  
THE FLASK?



I FINISHED THIS  
MORNING! IT'S REALLY  
PERFUME!

WOW! THAT'S A  
GREAT PIECE OF  
NEWS!



LET ME  
TELL YOU,  
BROTHER, YOU'RE  
A DIAMOND IN  
THE ROUGH,  
BUT YOU'RE  
**GREAT!**

--COUGH!--



THAT VANILLA IS HIGH-HANDED!

IT'S TOO  
LATE NOW TO  
DO ANYTHING  
ABOUT IT...



WHY DON'T YOU SET UP  
YOUR STAND IN THE ZANZI  
BAZAAR? I'LL BE HAPPY TO  
GIVE YOU A CORNER  
OF THE STORE!

REALLY?  
THAT WOULD  
BE FANTASTIC!



MORE THAN FANTASTIC!  
**RAT-TASTIC!**

THE IDEA  
OF STAYING IN  
THE WARMTH  
IS SOMETHING  
I LIKE EVEN  
MORE! IT'S  
FREEZING  
OUT HERE!





IT'S A DEAL, LAVENDER! WE'LL BE YOUR GUESTS FOR THE WHOLE FAIR!



SO WHAT WILL YOU SELL? HAVE ANY OF YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?



COLETTE?

UHMM...  
REALLY...  
I DON'T...

DON'T STRAIN  
YOURSELF!  
I'VE GOT  
**AN IDEA!**

??



WE'LL SELL  
**ASA'S PERFUME...**

HUH?

...AND I EVEN  
KNOW WHO'LL GIVE  
US THE FORMULA!



AND SO,  
THE NEXT  
DAY, AT THE  
MOUSEFORD  
ACADEMY  
HERBALIST'S...

OLIVE OIL,  
CARDAMOM, HENNA,  
ALOEWOOD, RESIN,  
AND BITTER ALMONDS!  
THESE ARE ALL THE  
INGREDIENTS!

















-SNIFF...-

YES! THIS IS PERFECT!

HURRAYYY!

THANK GOODNESS! CONSTANTLY SMELLING PERFUME WAS STARTING TO MAKE MY HEAD SPIN!

IN THE MEANTIME, IN COLETTE'S ROOM...

I'LL RUN TO THE PORT TO SEND IT ON THE NEXT SHIP! THAT WAY THEA WILL RECEIVE IT TOMORROW MORNING!



SURE ENOUGH, THE NEXT DAY...

DEAR THEA, WE'VE CREATED "ASA'S PERFUME" FOR THE UPCOMING FAIR. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. LOTS OF LOVE FROM YOUR VERY OWN THEA SISTERS.



BUT THEA DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO ANSWER BECAUSE SHE HAS AN INTERVIEW...

... WITH PATRICIA PARIS! I'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET HER OPINION ABOUT THE PERFUME!

THE THEA SISTERS ARE LUCKY, BECAUSE **PATRICIA PARIS** IS A FASHION EXPERT AND HAS A HEAVILY WATCHED SHOW ON MOITY TV... SO HER OPINIONS COUNT!



SO?



IT'S EXCELLENT! DID YOUR STUDENTS REALLY MAKE IT?

MY BEST STUDENTS! THEY'RE GOING TO SELL IT AT THE MIDWINTER FAIR!

WHAT'S IT CALLED?

A NEW PERFUME?



THAT SAME  
EVENING...

ONE LAST  
RECOMMENDATION,  
MY FRIENDS! IF  
YOU'RE LOOKING  
FOR AN IDEA FOR AN  
OUTDOORS EXCURSION,  
GO TO THE MIDWINTER  
FAIR ON WHALE  
ISLAND...

...AND DON'T  
MISS ASA'S  
PERFUME!

A  
FRAGRANCE  
THAT WILL  
WIN YOU  
OVER!

A NEW  
PERFUME...  
AND I DON'T  
KNOW ANYTHING  
ABOUT IT?

THIS HAS TO BE  
THE WORK OF  
VANILLA! MY  
YOUNGEST IS EVER  
SO BRILLIANT!

BUT A BITTER  
DISAPPOINTMENT  
AWAITS VISSIA...

HOW? WHAT?  
WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN "ASA'S  
PERFUME" ISN'T  
YOURS?

WELL... I'VE MADE  
A VIKING ELIXIR  
AND...

RUBBISH!

I WANT TO KNOW  
WHO CREATED  
THAT PERFUME!

I DON'T  
HAVE THE  
NERVE TO TELL  
HER IT WAS THE  
THEA SISTERS!

WHA... ALL I  
KNOW... IS THEY'RE  
SELLING IT AT THE  
ZANZI BAZAAR!



AND WHEN VISSIA DECIDES SOMETHING, NO ONE CAN HOLD OUT AGAINST HER...

THAT PERFUME HAS TO BE MINE!

... EXCEPT THE UNFLAPPABLE CHAMOMILE!

I'M VISSIA DE VISSSEN, OWNER OF DE VISSSEN COSMETICS!

THE STORE IS CLOSED!

I MEAN TO BUY THE FORMULA FOR "ASA'S PERFUME!"

THE STORE IS CLOSED!

PRICE IS NO PROBLEM! NAME YOUR PRICE AND--

--AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT THE STORE IS CLOSED!

SHE DARED HANG UP ON ME?

WHO WAS IT?

MEH, SOMEONE WHO WANTED SOME PERFUME.

ALAN! CALL THE BREAK-IN BROTHERS RIGHT AWAY!

BERT AND HARRY BREAK-IN! WHATEVER DOES SHE WANT WITH THOSE LOW-LIFES?

IF THEY WON'T SELL ME THE FORMULA... I'LL TAKE IT FROM THEM MYSELF!



VISSIA DE VISSEN KNOWS WHICH SPECIALISTS TO TURN TO!

I WANT THE **FORMULA** FOR THAT PERFUME! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO TO GET IT!

GOT IT!

ANOTHER THING! WE NEVER MET!

GOT IT!

NO TALK AND ALL ACTION! THESE ARE PEOPLE I LIKE!

FRIDAY MORNING, THE FIRST TOURISTS, HEADED FOR THE FAIR, ARRIVE ON THE NEW MOUSE CITY FERRY!

BUT NOT EVERYONE HEADS FOR THE MARKETPLACE...

HERE'S THE ZANZI BAZAAR!

WE'VE GOT ALL DAY TO CHECK IT INSIDE AND OUT!



A FESTIVE CROWD SPILLS OUT  
AMONG THE STANDS AT THE  
FAIR, MANY MORE THAN IN  
PREVIOUS YEARS!



THE LIZARD AND  
GECKO'S DOUBLE STAND  
IS VERY CROWDED!



THE GREAT DESSERTS AND  
CHEESE INCREASE SALES...



...AND THE NICE  
STUDENTS  
HELP, TOO!





VANILLA'S LONG COUNTER ATTRACTS GIRLS  
AND WOMEN LIKE BEES TO HONEY!

THESE ARE  
THE BEST QUALITY  
COSMETICS! AT  
SPECIAL PRICES!

DO YOU HAVE "ASA'S  
PERFUME?"

NO...  
BUT WE'VE  
GOT "VIKING  
ELIXIR!"

NO, THANKS!

→GRRR!←  
THEY ALL WANT  
THE THEA SISTERS'  
CONCOCTION!

AT THE ZANZI  
BAZAAR, ON THE  
OTHER HAND...

DRAT!

HOW  
BORING!

THEY'RE  
ALL GOING TO  
THE MARKET-  
PLACE!

IT'S COLD  
OUTSIDE! SOON  
EVERYONE'LL GO TO  
THE FLYING DUTCHMAN TO  
GET WARMED UP AGAIN  
AND THEN THEY'LL  
ALSO SEE US,  
I'M SURE!



THE MIDWINTER FAIR BRINGS EXCELLENT BUSINESS TO THE WHOLE ISLAND... AND, THEREFORE, THE FLYING DUTCHMAN, TOO!



IN THE MEANTIME, THE BREAK-IN BROTHERS DON'T MOVE FROM THEIR POSTS!





MEANWHILE, AT THE MARKETPLACE, BUSINESS ISN'T GOING AS VANILLA HAD HOPED!



SO, THANKS TO TANYA'S INFORMATION, THE ZANZI BAZAAR IS SOON MOBBED WITH CUSTOMERS!









A SMALL JOB ALL TOO EASILY FINISHED BY TWO PROFESSIONALS LIKE THE BREAK-IN BROTHERS, BUT...

LET'S FIND THAT FORMULA QUICKLY! I WANT TO GO HUNT FOR THE TREASURE!

YAGHH!

THUMP

WATCH OUT!

DOOF!

HELP...

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, HARRY!

YOU WOKE UP THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD!

WHO'S THERE?

WHAT WAS THAT?

BURGLARS AT THE ZANZI BAZAAR!



THE NEXT MORNING, NEWS OF THE NOCTURNAL INTRUSION ARRIVES EARLY AT HOUSEFORD ACADEMY...

...LUCKILY THEY DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING!

WHAT SCOUNDRELS!

BUT WHAT DID THEY THINK THEY'D FIND THAT WAS SO VALUABLE?







DANG!  
VERY  
ADVANCED  
TECHNOLOGY!

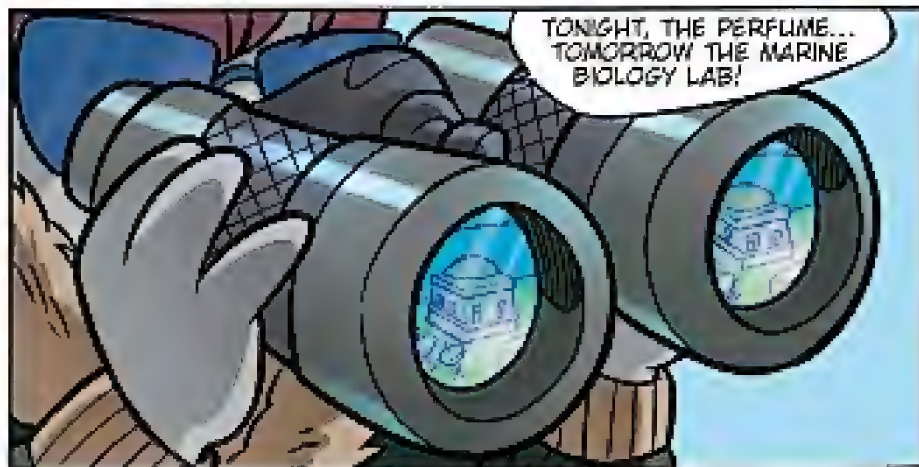
I BET  
THEY'VE GOT  
A LASER BEAM  
BURGLAR ALARM!  
THAT'S MY  
FAVORITE!

THIS'LL  
BE CHEESE  
FOR US TO  
SINK OUR  
TEETH INTO,  
HARRY!



EVERYTHING WE NEED  
TO KNOW TO GET TO  
THE VIKING SHIP'S  
IN THERE! LET'S GO  
HUNT FOR SOME  
TREASURE!

WAIT! WORK FIRST,  
THEN PLAY!



TONIGHT, THE PERFUME...  
TOMORROW THE MARINE  
BIOLOGY LAB!



AT THE ZANZI  
BAZAAR, ANOTHER  
INTENSE DAY OF  
WORK IS ENDING...

DO YOU  
REALLY THINK  
THE BURGLARS  
WILL COME  
BACK?



I WOULDN'T  
RULE IT OUT,  
GIVEN THAT THEY  
LEFT WITH EMPTY  
PAWS!

JUST LET THEM  
COME! WE'LL  
STOP THEM!

!

AND  
HOW?

WITH A  
**REAL**  
BURGLAR  
ALARM!

OH?  
SUCH AS?



HERE'S WHAT  
PAMELA MEANS  
BY A REAL  
BURGLAR  
ALARM!

"MY MOM USES  
THIS TO PROTECT  
HER FABULOUS  
PUMPKIN PIES!"

"IF IT WORKS  
FOR TEN WILD  
TANGUS,\* IT'LL  
WORK FOR OUR  
MYSTERIOUS  
BURGLARS!"

"ONCE THEY FALL INTO  
THE WEB, THEY'LL TRY TO  
ESCAPE AND... WELL, THAT  
THING UP TOP IS MY  
**SECRET WEAPON!**  
MOM JUST  
USES JINGLE  
BELLS!"

**WOW!  
BRILLIANT!**

\*TANGU\* IS PAMELA'S LAST  
NAME. SHE HAS FOUR SISTERS  
AND FIVE BROTHERS... THEY  
ALL LOVE FOOD, JUST LIKE  
HER! IF YOU WANT TO GET  
TO KNOW THEM, READ THE  
THEA SISTERS' BOOK, **BIG  
TROUBLE IN THE BIG APPLE.**

AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, JUST  
LIKE CLOCKWORK, THE BREAK-IN-  
BROTHERS MAKE ANOTHER STAB...

YOU STAY  
AT THE DOOR,  
HARRY!

NO AD-LIBBING  
THIS TIME! WE'RE  
**PROFESSIONALS!**





PAM'S ANTI-BREAK-IN DEVICE HAS WORKED, BUT...





THE FOLLOWING MORNING,  
AT OPENING TIME...



VISSIA, IN THE MEANTIME,  
CONSULTS HER SECRETARY, ALAN.











IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF ANY OLD BURGLARS, BUT OF **PROFESSIONALS!** WE HAVE TO TRACK THEM DOWN IMMEDIATELY! IT COULD BE **DANGEROUS!**

I THINK I KNOW WHO THEY MAY BE!



I SAW TWO BIG, TALL GUYS ALL DRESSED IN BLACK MOVING AROUND NEAR HERE! THEY HAD A ROOM AT THE FLYING DUTCHMAN! IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE KEEPING TABS ON THE STORE!

AND YOU'RE JUST TELLING US THIS NOW?

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WEARING BLACK!



I'M GOING TO ASK LEO WHO THOSE TWO ARE!

DINA, WAIT! I'M COMING, TOO!



AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH VANILLA! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

RIGHT!



DO YOU HAVE ASA'S PERFUME?

SORRY, THE STORE'S CLOSED!

OH, WELL, SHE WAS SHOUTING AT ME ANYWAY...



THE THEA SISTERS DEMAND AN EXPLANATION...

MY MOTHER WANTED TO **STEAL** YOUR PERFUME! RIDICULOUS!

IMPOSSIBLE!

...BUT VIC AND VANILLA DON'T SEEM ABLE TO GIVE THEM ONE!

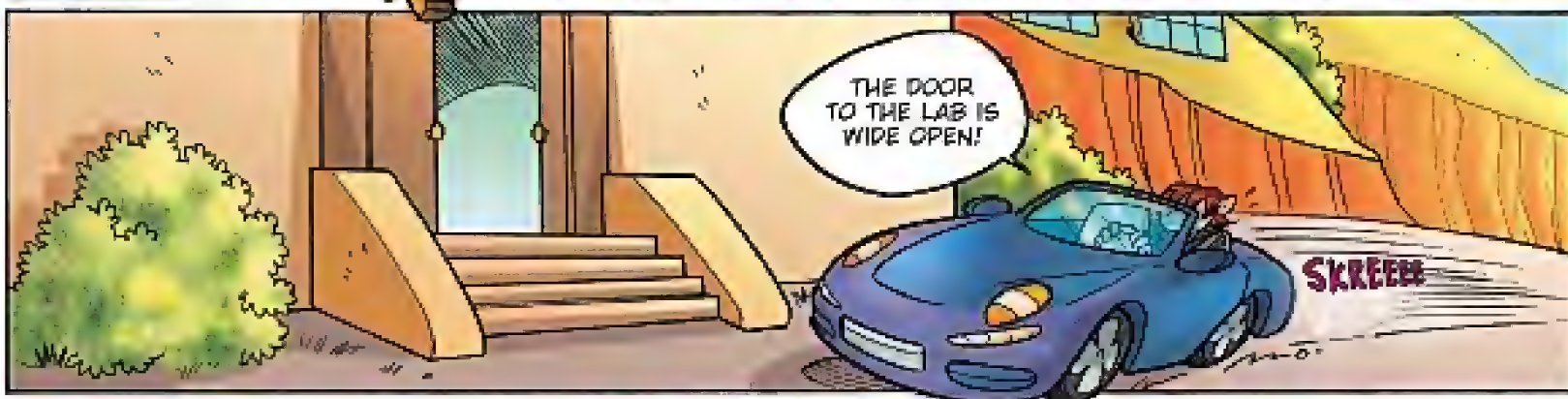
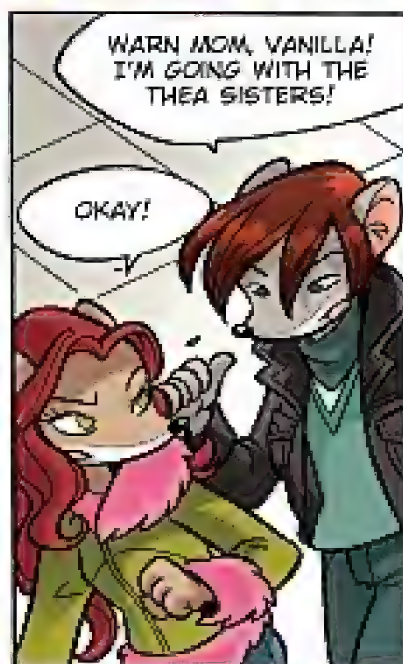




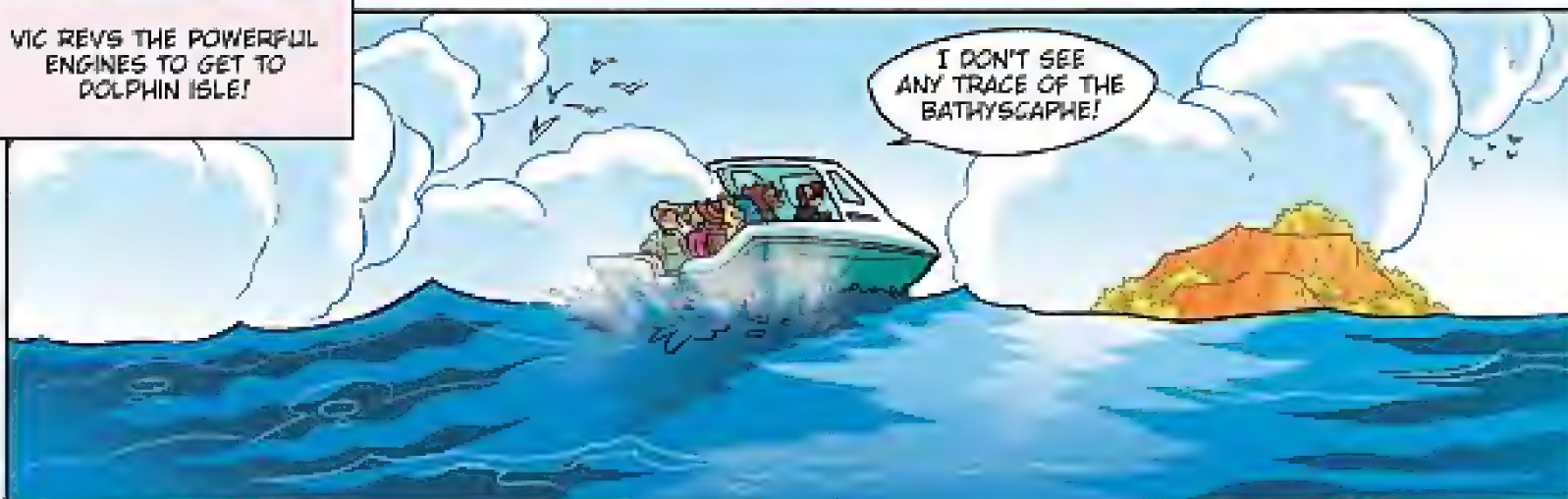
PAMELA'S HEART LEAPS WITH A STRANGE PREMONITION... WHICH PUSHES HER TO CALL PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN AT THE MARINE BIOLOGY LAB RIGHT AWAY!

















UPON RETURNING, THE TWO CRIMINALS GET TURNED OVER TO THE COAST GUARD!

THESE TWO TRICKSTERS LOST THE BATHYSCAPHE IN THE SEA WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO STEAL THE TREASURE FROM THE VIKING SHIP!

BUT WE DIDN'T DO IT FOR OURSELVES!

HUH?

IT WAS VISSIA DE VISSSEN WHO HIRED US TO GET OUR HANDS ON THE TREASURE!

WHAAAT?

THAT'S NOT TRUE! THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO SHIFT THE BLAME TO SOMEONE ELSE!

I HEARD VISSIA DE VISSSEN YELLING ON THE PHONE! SHE WANTED THE FORMULA FOR OUR PERFUME... AND SHE NEVER MENTIONED THE SHIP AND ITS TREASURE!

THANKS, NICKY!

I JUST TOLD THE TRUTH!

HOWEVER, YOUR MOTHER'S STILL INTERESTED IN THE PERFUME...

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, PAULINA?

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE HER OUR PERFUME!

WHY NOT? IF SHE WANTS IT FROM US SO MUCH, SHE'LL COUGH UP A PRETTY PENNY FOR THAT FORMULA!

AND WITH THE MONEY WE GET, WE'LL FUND SALVAGING THE SHIP!

LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL PERSUADE MY MOM THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO GET **GREAT PUBLICITY!**



THE FAIR ENDS WITH AN UNEXPECTED VISIT!



AS VIC SAID, VISSIA IMMEDIATELY SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET PUBLICITY!

HOW COME YOU'RE HERE AT THE FAIR, MS. DE VISSSEN?

I'VE BOUGHT THE FORMULA FOR ASA'S PERFUME...AND SOON YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND IT IN ALL MY STORES!

BUT I ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.



→GRRR!←  
SHE'S SUCH A PAIN!  
I REALLY CAN'T  
STAND HER!

THINK ABOUT  
THE CHECK SHE  
SIGNED...AND  
SMILE!



THESE KIDS  
CREATED 'ASA'S  
PERFUME!'

THEY'RE  
DONATING THE  
ENTIRE SUM I  
PAID THEM TO  
THE FUND FOR  
SALVAGING THE  
VIKING SHIP.



AS FOR ME, I'LL FINANCE  
BUILDING A MUSEUM TO  
HOUSE THE WRECK ONCE  
IT'S BEEN RECOVERED!

HURRAY!  
HURRAY!

CLAP CLAP







THE VIKING  
SHIP'LL BE  
A GREAT  
ATTRACTION FOR  
THE ISLAND!

EVERYONE'LL  
COME TO  
SEE IT!

OUR STAND  
WAS SUCCESSFUL!  
VANILLA, HOWEVER,  
SOLD LESS THAN  
ANYONE!

→GRRR!→  
THOSE  
SIMPERING FOOLS  
ARE ALWAYS  
SHOWING OFF!

THANKS TO  
YOU, GIRLS, VISSIA  
WILL BECOME THE  
BIGGEST DONOR TO  
**WHALE ISLAND,**  
IN SPITE OF  
HERSELF!

HA! HA!  
HA!

END



# Watch Out For PAPERCUTZ™



**W**elcome to the treasure-laden third THEA STILTON graphic novel from Papercutz, the folks dedicated to publishing great graphic novels for all ages. I'm Salicrup, *Jim Salicrup*, Editor-in-Chief and unofficial Mouseford Academy Truant Officer.

Instead of me yapping about THEA STILTON or the many other wonderful Papercutz titles available to you, let's just play a little game shall we? Just draw a line between the pictured Thea Sister or other Papercutz character on the left with their correct name on the right. It's that easy! Answers are printed upside-down at the bottom of this page in teeny-tiny type.

Oh, and don't forget to look out for THEA STILTON #4 "Catching the Giant Wave," coming soon. Check out the preview on the following pages.

Class dismissed!

Thanks,

*Jim*

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Caricature of Jim by Steve Bradner at the MoCCA Art Fest.

1



**A – Paulina**

2



**B – Nya (From LEGO® NINJAGO, she's a ninja!)**

3



**C – Pamela**

4



**D – Petula (From ARIOL, she's Ariol's secret love!)**

5



**E – Smurfette (From THE SMURFS, she's a female Smurf!)**

6



**F – Colette**

7



**H – Julie (From DANCE CLASS, she's a dance student!)**

8



**I – Tinker Bell (From DISNEY FAIRIES, she's a fairy!)**

9



**J – Violet**

10



ANSWERS: 8-H, 1-D, 2-N, 3-P, 4-P, 5-S, 6-C, 7-J, 8-T, 9-V, 10-I



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# Special Preview of THEA STILTON #4 "Catching the Giant Wave!"

FINALLY A LOVELY DAY OF SUN ON *Whale Island*! NICKY JUMPS AT THE CHANCE TO TEACH PAMELA AND PAULINA HOW TO SURF.



THE ROUGH, CHOPPY SEA AT VERY WINDY POINT CALLS TO HER IRRESISTIBLY-- SINCE SHE'S USED TO THE OCEAN WAVES OF AUSTRALIA!



DON'T STIFFEN UP, PAM! LOOSE LEGS AND AN IRON WILL!

PULVERIZED PISTONS!

LOOK, VIOLET! PAM'S FACING HER FIRST WAVE!



BEH--  
-GLUB!-

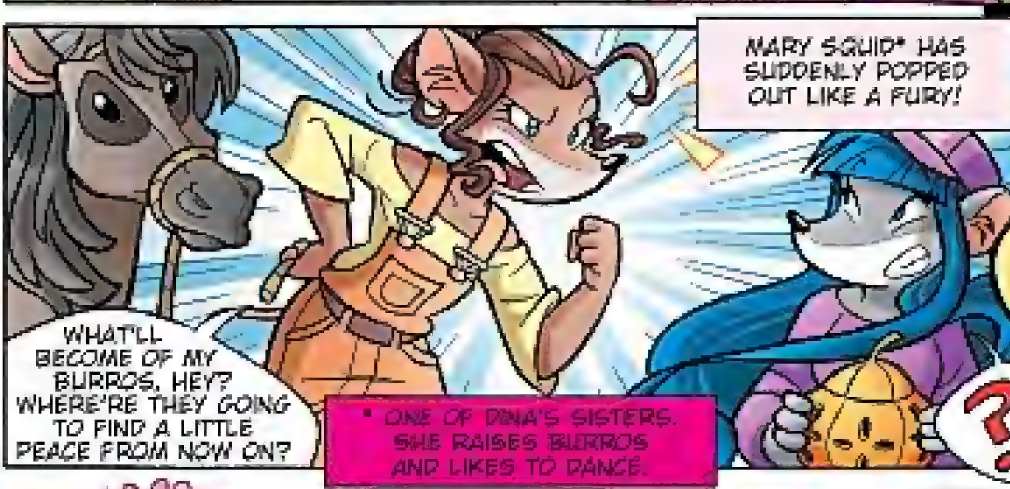
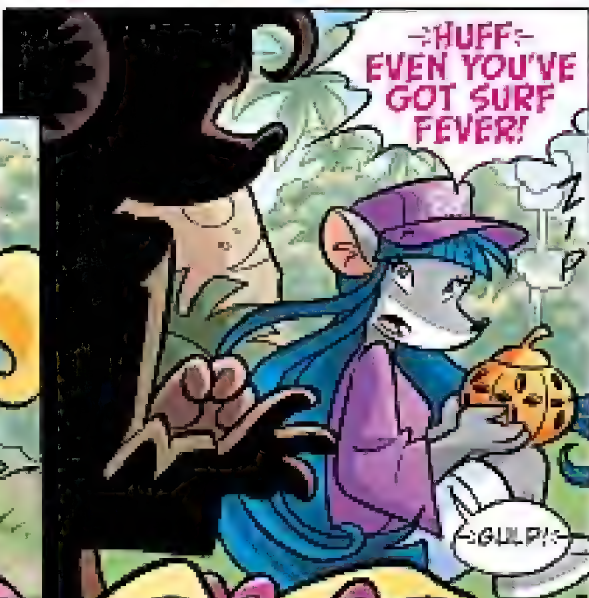
FWOOSH



-SPLUT!-

HAI HAI HAI! YOU LOOK LIKE A SEAL, PAM! HEE! HEE!







MARY HEARD ABOUT THE NEW CENTER FROM HER SISTER DINA. SO THE THEA SISTERS DECIDE TO GET THE EXPLANATION STRAIGHT FROM HER...

IT'S THE MAYOR'S INITIATIVE! HE WANTS TO COMPETE WITH VISSIA DE VISSSEN AND HER SURF CLUB.

REALLY?!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THE MAYOR IS...

THEY JUST ELECTED HIM! IT'S ROMEO, VINCE GUYMOUSE'S COUSIN!

OH, THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT "CHEZ ROMEO!"

REALLY A NICE FUTURE!

ROMEO EXAGGERATES, BUT HE'S NOT BAD.

THE OLD CITY COUNCIL WAS AN OUTDATED INSTITUTION! THE ISLAND NEEDS A **MODERN** ADMINISTRATION!

ROMEO'S TRAVELLED THE WORLD! HE'S SEEN HOW THINGS WORK ELSEWHERE! AND NOW THAT HE'S BACK, HE WANTS TO "LAUNCH OUR ISLAND INTO THE FUTURE!"... OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS...

BUT WHY ELECT HIM, PRECISELY?

NO ONE ELSE WANTED TO TAKE ON THE JOB!

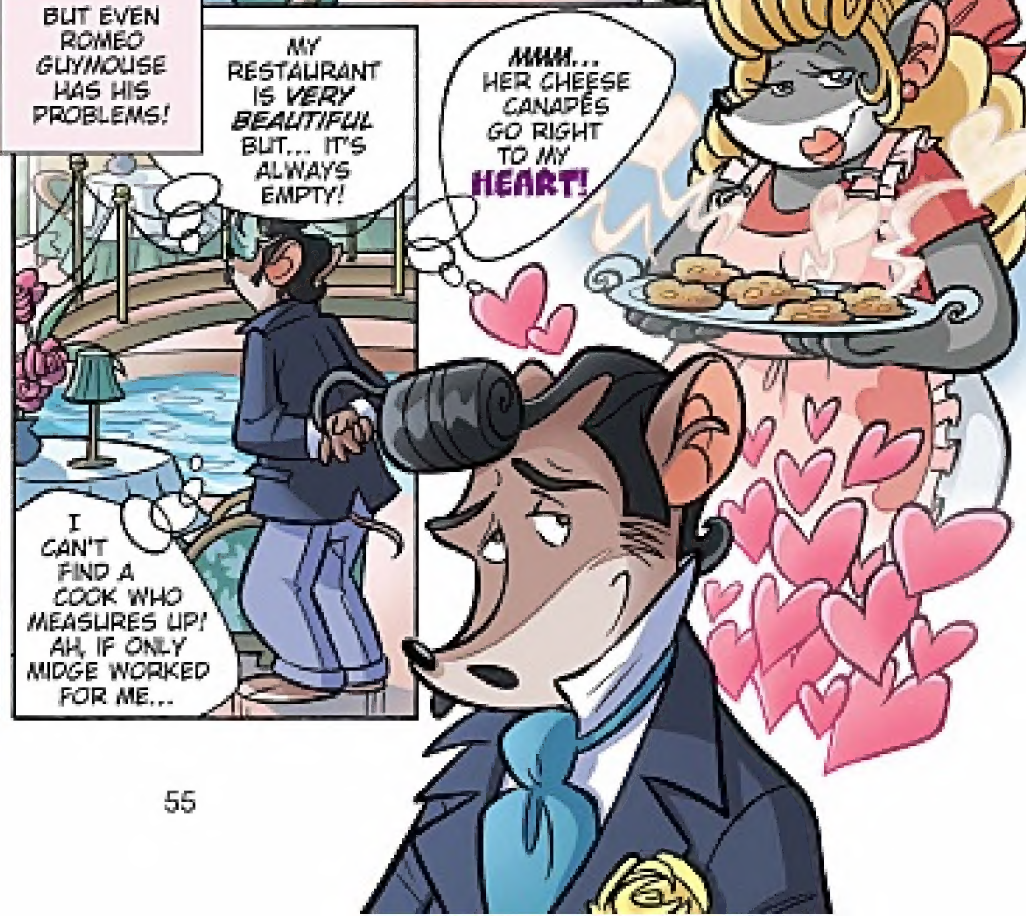
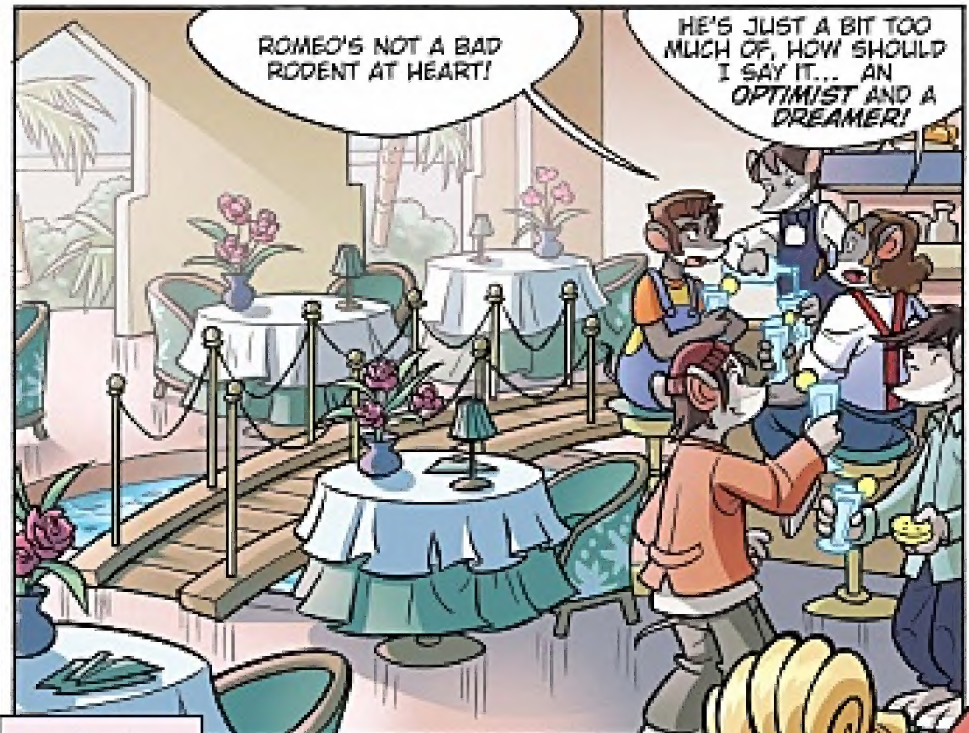
"ROMEO GUYMOUSE IS A MAYOR WITH LOTS OF IDEAS AND INITIATIVES!"

WE'LL TRANSFORM WHALE ISLAND INTO A PARADISE FOR THE RICH FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

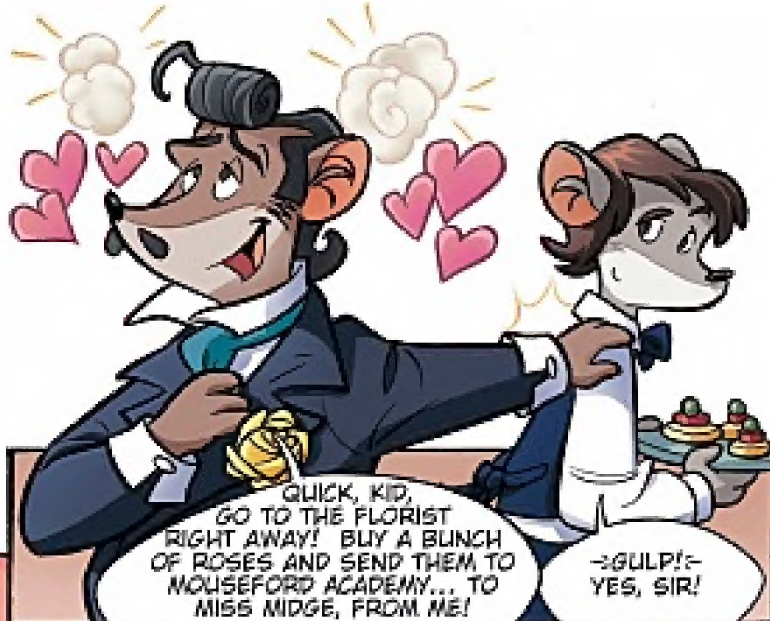
IF ONLY RICH FOLKS STAY HERE, WHERE'LL OUR FISHERMEN GO?

EXCLUSIVE HOTELS! ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY! VERY DISTINGUISHED CLIENTELE!









QUICK, KID,  
GO TO THE FLORIST  
RIGHT AWAY! BUY A BUNCH  
OF ROSES AND SEND THEM TO  
MOUSEFORD ACADEMY... TO  
MISS MIDGE, FROM ME!

-GULP!-  
YES, SIR!



HEY! WHO WANTS  
TO ASK FOR THE  
HAND OF YOUR  
DAUGHTER  
MIDGE?

-HMPH!-



VISSIA DE VISSSEN'S  
DREAMS ARE MUCH  
MORE PRACTICAL  
THAN ROMEO'S...

MY SURF  
CLUB OPENS IN  
A WEEK! THE  
MOST LUXURIOUS  
IN THE WORLD!



AND THIS  
IS JUST THE  
BEGINNING! NOW  
IT'S TIME TO *EXPAND*  
MY RANGE OF OPERATIONS!



WELCOME,  
MR. MAYOR!

Don't Miss THEA STILTON #4 "Catching the Giant Wave!"



# TREASURE UNDER THE SEA!

While the students at Mouseford Academy are busy salvaging an ancient Viking vessel submerged off the coast of Mouse Island, someone wants to steal the treasure that, according to legend, is hidden in the ship. Can Colette, Nicky, Pamela, Paulina, and Violet save this historic treasure— even if Vissia de Vissen is after it?

...BRINGING HIM INTO A GROTTO WHERE NO ROCKET HAD EVER GONE BEFORE!

PROFESSOR VAN KRACKEN COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS OWN EYES. THIS DISCOVERY WAS EVERY SCIENTIST'S DREAM!

THE WRECK WAS PERFECTLY PRESERVED. THE GROTTO HAD PROTECTED IT FROM THE ELEMENTS AND CURIOUS SUNKEN-TREASURE-SEEKERS!

PROFESSOR! THAT'S A VIKING SHIP!

HOW MAGNIFICENT!

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